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Masses for Sunday: Saturday: 4:30 p.m.; Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: *5:30-6:30 p.m.(*verify schedule in bulletin under "This Week") Saturday: Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass; Anytime by Appointment.

Marriage:

One member of the couple must be a registered parishioner of St. Catherine Parish. Call Parish Office at least six months prior to setting a wedding date.

> Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Communion to the Sick: Call Parish Office.

New Parishioners: Please call the Parish Office. Notification when leaving the parish is appreciated.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Drop off copy at parish or send via e-mail.

Baptism: Baptism is a joyful event "by which men and women are freed from their sins... are configured to Christ by an indelible character, and are incorporated into the Church." (Canon 849 of the Code of Canon Law). People can be baptized as adults or infants. The preparation for adult baptism takes place in the process of the catechumenate, commonly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. Any adult desiring baptism may call the office to begin this process. Preparation for infant baptism happens in baptism classes, generally held on the fourth Thursday evening of each month in the Parish Office. No child will be baptized at St. Catherine unless both parents have attended one of these classes in the last five years. Baptism of adults generally takes place on Holy Saturday night, while baptism of infants can take place on any Sunday. Since baptism "incorporates one into the Church," it is appropriate that the infant be baptized during a Sunday liturgy when the local Church is gathered. There are legitimate reasons for not wanting to have the baptism during a Sunday liturgy; in those cases, baptisms may be scheduled for a Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Parish Membership - Requires an Active Response

Active members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish have registered and provided the Parish Office with the information needed to complete the census forms. Active members regularly participate in the Saturday evening or Sunday Liturgy at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Active members invest themselves in the parish by participating in the annual Stewardship Program pledging and contributing time, talent and treasure as God calls them. Active members hold the parish in their daily prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

TUESDAY – January 23rd 8:00 a.m. Bill McCarthy

WEDNESDAY – January 24th 5:30 p.m. Bill Seiter

THURSDAY – January 25th 8:00 a.m. Prigge & Heskamp Families, Sp. Int.

> **FRIDAY – January 26th 8:30 a.m.** Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY – January 27th 8:00 a.m. Mass canceled 4:30 p.m. Norma Wagner

SUNDAY – January 28th 10:00 a.m. Members of the Parish

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION January 27th & 28th

4:30 p.m. Cup: Brian Dinkelacker, Sarah Meisenhelder, Lois Roell **Host:** Diane Hamberg

10:00 a.m. Cup: Peggy Birkenhauer, Pat Desmond, Jen Kirst, Betsy StegnerHost: Dan Little, Carol Little, Karen Little

LECTORS January 27th & 28th

4:30 p.m. Raymond Schlosser 10:00 a.m. Joe Fischer

SERVERS SCHEDULE January 23rd-28th

8:00 a.m. – Tuesday Morgan Baldwin, Ava Hamberg

5:30 p.m. – Wednesday Carden Bozeman, Ellery Browning

8:00 a.m. – Thursday Lucy Gillen, Graham Gillen

8:30 a.m. – Friday Tim Garlich, Cora Hill, Natalie Kirst

> 8:00 a.m. – Saturday No Mass

4:30 p.m. – Saturday Marley Hess, Josie Messmer, Michael Zechella

10:00 a.m. – Sunday Tommy Burkart, Keegan Collopy, Colin Desmond

GREETERS SCHEDULE January 27th & 28th

4:30 p.m. Kenny & Jenny Collopy & Family10:00 a.m. George & Megan Josten & Family; Betsy Stegner

SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP

will be reported next week

2023 DPAA

(as of 11/30/23)

 Goal
 Pledged
 Over!

 \$79,100
 \$91,420
 \$12,230

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

THIS WEEK

MONDAY American Heritage Girls, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

TUESDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Exposition, 8:30 a.m. Kenosis, 3:30 p.m., PCMR Confessions, 5:30 p.m. Benediction, 6:45 p.m. Rosary, 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. Choir, 6:30 p.m. Evening of Reflection, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall Finance Council, 7:00 p.m., PCMR

> FRIDAY Mass, 8:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

Mass, 8:00 a.m. and Confessions – Canceled Funeral Mass for Jim Burns, 10:00 a.m. Mass, 4:30 p.m. Let's Go To Mexico! Fundraiser, 6:30 p.m., Ft. Thomas Mess Hall

> NEXT SUNDAY Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Bev Stegman, Barb Venable, Mary Kay Glaser, Carol Ewing, Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Mary Kohrs, Larry Beiting, Mary Hoffman, Bette Riedmatter & David Garner. Also, remember all of our parishioners in nursing homes as well as those confined to their homes in your prayers.

Please Pray for the Following Soldiers Serving Our Country

William Pikar, Luke Norman, Jay Blinn, Michael Beiting, Joe Fitzgerald, Brian Clayton, Adam Beiting, Michael Dunn, Trent Moeves, James Taft III, Drew Cecil, Zack Hehman, Adam Kramer, Wolfgang Davis, Clint & Sarah Brandt, Mark Marten, Zachary Dunn and Fr. Bill Appel.

IN OUR PARISH

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY goes out to the family and friends of Mary Vieth who was recently buried from our parish and to the family and friends of Jim Burns who will be buried from our parish this Saturday. Please keep Mary, Jim and their families in your prayers.

FR. STEF ON VACATION

Fr. Stef will be gone on vacation from Friday, February 2nd-Monday, February 12th. The daily Masses on February 6th-10th will be canceled, as will Confessions on Saturday and Tuesday. We will still have the Saturday 4:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Masses both weekends and Exposition and Benediction on Tuesday. Please pray that Fr. has a safe and restful time away.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE BURNING OF THE GREENS

All are welcome to join us on Friday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. for a family-friendly celebration of Candlemas. The Burning of the Greens gathering will be held next door to the Parish Center in the Boden's sand volleyball court. This is a great evening to socialize with your fellow parishioners around a bonfire, while enjoying snacks and warm beverages. We hope to see you there!

SNOW REMOVAL

It's that time of year when we need to start thinking about snow removal. We are looking for volunteers to clear the sidewalks and steps on weekends and/or in the evening. This would be a great stewardship opportunity for high school students, as well as a way to earn service hours. In addition to shovelers, we would also like to have someone who would be in charge of the volunteers. This person would contact/ organize volunteers on evenings, weekends and holidays (anytime the Parish Office is closed) to make sure that the areas needed to get into church are cleared. If you would like to volunteer for this position or to shovel snow, please contact Don Grothaus at 441-1352, ext. 17 or dgrothaus@ stcatherineofsiena.org.

LET'S GO TO MEXICO! Hola mis amigos!

You are cordially invited to our 2024 Winter Fundraiser, Let's Go to Mexico! The event will be held on Saturday, January 27th at the Ft. Thomas Mess Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Attendees will enjoy great food, drinks, music, dancing and much more. This event is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends or to meet new ones. Invite your family and friends.

DETAILS

Saturday, January 27th – Ft. Thomas Mess Hall Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Major Raffle Drawing at 9:00 p.m.

Cost is \$65.00 per person

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Amigo Sponsors – includes 2 admissions - \$250.00 Familia Sponsors – includes 3 admissions - \$500.00 Communidad Sponsors – includes 4 admissions – \$750.00 Grande Sponsors – includes 5 admissions, and your own table – \$1,000.00 Especial Sponsors – includes 6 admissions, your own table, and storefront signage – \$2,000.00

MAJOR RAFFLE

1st Prize: 5-day/4-night trip to Cancun, Mexico! Roundtrip economy airfare for two, all-inclusive resort, sunset cruise. Who doesn't need a getaway?

2nd Prize: \$10,000 Mexican Pesos

(equivalent to \$575.00 USD)

3rd Prize: Dinner for two at Nada (\$150 gift card) (Tickets available in the Parish Office)

Admission tickets, raffle tickets and sponsorships can all be purchased online through our website, <u>www.</u> <u>stcatherineofsiena.org</u>. Just click on the Donate tab and then WeShare.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH

WE NEED YOU! We could use your help in making our "Let's Go To Mexico" winter fundraiser a successful night for our parish. Any and all help is needed and greatly appreciated. Please contact Wade Smith at <u>garrett_wade_smith@hotmail.com</u> or call/text 859-816-2145 to volunteer.

PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of January 14th will be reported next week. Congratulations!

ST. BERNARD PANTRY – The pantry is always in need of any nonperishable food items (peanut butter, cereal, pasta and sauce, canned soup, beans, etc.), paper products and hygiene items for their clients. Additionally, they need clean, plastic bags for food distribution purposes to their clients. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off in the box at the Rossford entrance or Parish Office. Please be mindful of the Expiration Date or the Best Used by Date when considering your donation. If each family donated just one food item per month, what a difference we could make!

IN OUR DIOCESE

JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT WALKING WITH PURPOSE You are invited to a 30-minute webinar on Wednesday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. to learn more about how Walking with Purpose helps women to: Learn more about how to read Scripture and apply it to your day-today experiences; Invest in the hearts of other women and create community in your parish; Go deeper and connect Sunday Mass to the rest of the week. Hear how Walking with Purpose is transforming hearts and bringing women in parish communities closer to Christ. Hear personal testimony from Walking with Purpose volunteer coordinators, Marybeth Bosko and Laurie Munson from St. Barbara parish about how our Bible studies are bringing women together around topics that matter. For more information, contact Jeannie Gillespie at jean.gillespie@walkingwithpurpose.com or 203-918-3025. To register for this complimentary event, go to https://www.tfaforms.com/5099990.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

July 17th - 21st in Indianapolis. Marian University (located 15 minutes from Lucas Oil Stadium) is hosting high school teens for the Conference and will house, feed, transport, mentor and accompany youth ministry groups through the Conference. This is an opportunity for youth from the Diocese of Covington, to dive deeper into their faith and journey with Catholic youth from around the country. Pre-Registration deadline is early January. Inquire ASAP.

SAVE THE DATE DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

Contact Angie Poat for information at apoat@covdio.org or visit covdio.org/youth/.

February 8, 2024 – THRIVE Peer Ministry Leadership Training for High School and College Leaders, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Curia. Attend as an individual peer leader or with your parish, school, music, or retreat team. Newcomers are welcome. RSVP by February 1. Together we THRIVE!

February 10, 2024 – JUNIOR HIGH CONNECT RETREAT. Calling all 6th, 7th & 8th graders to a high impact day of connecting with self, others, and God. CONNECT Retreat includes: Music, Games, Witness Talks, Adoration, Food and Fun. Led by a team of dynamic college students. RSVP by February 1. Location: TMU, 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – The Cathedral Basilica, our mother Church of the Diocese of Covington, is in need of major work to restore and preserve the masonry on the exterior parts of the Cathedral building. This effort is being conducted through the "Restored in Christ" campaign currently underway throughout the Diocese of Covington. In response to this need, Bishop John C. Iffert has instructed parishes of the Diocese of Covington to conduct a second collection during this weekend, January 20th and 21st. These funds will be used exclusively for the restoration of the exterior of the Cathedral Basilica. We will be taking up a second collection next weekend for this campaign.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR **SEPARATED** AND **DIVORCED** – New Beginnings is an eight-week program for separated or divorced individuals, which provides an opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses, this program invites participants to move toward their own new beginning. The next session will be held on consecutive Thursdays – January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15, February 22, February 29, March 7, and March 14, 2024. Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Holy Trinity Elementary, 235 Division Street, Bellevue, KY. For more information, and to register, visit https:// covdio.org/new-beginnings-2/.



MORNINGS OF REFLECTION – The 2024 dates for the Mornings of Reflection have been confirmed! Save these Saturday morning dates and give yourself the gift of a monthly mini-retreat to deepen your relationship with God and ensure you have the tools you need to follow God's will in your life.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS for all Mornings of Reflection:

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation on the given topic with opportunity for questions and discussion
- 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Church

11:00 a.m. Adoration with Confession available

LOCATIONS AND TOPICS for 2024:

Sts. Boniface & James Parish,

304 Oak Street, Ludlow.

January 20 – The Examen February 17 – Lectio Divina March 16 – Discernment

St. Timothy Parish,

10272 Hwy 42, Union.

April 13 – 5 Things

May 4 - 5 More Things

June 8 – 5 Last Things

St. Joseph Parish,

4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring. September 7 – The Mass October 19 – Confession November 9 – Call to Holiness

KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE – Save the Date – Join other Pro-life Kentuckians on Tuesday, January 23rd for the 2024 Kentucky March for Life and "Love Them Both" Rally. The program will begin with Mass at Good Shepherd Parish in Frankfort, followed by a rally at the State Capitol. The event will end with a procession to the Cemetery of the Innocents in the historic Frankfort Cemetery. The Pro-Life Office will be organizing buses that will leave from Northern Kentucky. If you are interested in traveling with other parishioners from the Diocese, please contact the Pro-Life Office for more information at 859-392-1500.

"The chance to share our love with others is a gift from God. May it be for us just as it was for Jesus. Let's love one another as He has loved us. Let's love one another with undivided love. Let's experience the joy of loving God and loving one another." – Mother Teresa

ATTENTION, CURSILLO ALUMNI

As mariners are guided into port by the shining of a star, so Christians are guided to heaven by Mary!

- Saint Thomas Aquinas

You are invited to join the Restoration Retreat as we ask for guidance from the Blessed Virgin Mary as we journey on our Fourth Day. Come join us at The Jesuit Spiritual Center Milford - Men's Retreat January 26-27: Women's Retreat February 2-3. More information and applications can be found at covingtoncursillo.org under the events tab or call Chris Dillon at 513-503-5638. Cost for the weekend is \$170.00.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Would you like to resolve to improve your relationship and communication in 2024? Give the gift of yourself, better communication and more romance. A WorldWide Marriage Encounter Experience can be that gift and a weekend to be alone with your spouse to energize your relationship and communication in 2024. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend experience is February 16-18, 2024 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Cincinnati. Apply today at <u>https://esharing.org/applyWeekend.php</u> For questions or more details, contact Andy and Melanie Reinersman at 859- 653-8464, application@esharing.org or visit esharing.org.

Sponsor of the Week

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FISH OR FISHERS?

Reflection on Mark 1:14-20

We have been caught in the net. So we are fish, as followers of Jesus. But if that is all we are, what is exciting about that? If we are just swimming around in the holding tank of the Church, then we are like fish in public aquariums, well fed and well protected with little more to do than look back at all the funny folks looking at us.

The invitation for us to also be fishers of people is still being issued today, and is perhaps immensely more urgent than ever before. Jesus and His Church need all the help they can get! That is why the Second Vatican Council kept emphasizing the role of ALL God's people to spread the faith, to possess missionary spirit, to evangelize, to show and tell the people we live with, work with, attend classes with, play and pray with, that God's Kingdom of life and love, of peace and forgiveness, of justice and healing, is very much "at hand" – is in our midst – is with us now, today, and until the end of time.

So today, Jesus is not just talking to Simon and Andrew and James and John. Today Jesus is speaking to each one of us. There are many fish in the sea! Get out there and hook some!

